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Moscow--The President of the Red Cross Society of the Bulgarian People's Republic, Dr. Luben Racheff, delivered a report at a meeting of the presidium of the executive committee of the Red Cross and the Red Cross Crescent Society of the USSR on January 29 in which he described activities of this organization after Bulgaria's liberation from fascists by the Soviet Army. Its major task was to render assistance to Bulgarian soldiers who fought against the German invaders. For this purpose they commissioned 10 ambulance trains, 34 food supply trains. Women were trained as nurses and went to the front. The reorganized Bulgarian Red Cross Society set up the first blood transfusion station in the country and took part in opening rest homes for victims of fascist terror and for former guerillas. Several hospitals were opened in fraternal Yugoslavia with the help of the Bulgarian Red Cross Society. Over 12,000 Yugoslav children were placed in children's homes set up by this society. Medicines were sent to ... by planes which brought back starving children of the brave mountaineers. Scores of thousands repatriated Soviet citizens returning from fascist slavery were carefully served by institutions of the Bulgarian Red Cross Society. Aid was rendered to all victims of fascism including 120 Egyptians whom the German captured and carried away from Africa. The society carries on extensive work in postwar time as well. It offers aid to war invalids, to former war prisoners, war widows, and orphans. It arranges lectures and courses ... medical nurses, stretcher bearers, etc. At present Dr. Racheff said, the Bulgarian Red Cross Society has 200,000 membership as a ... Red Cross Society. The report of the president of the Bulgarian Red Cross Society was listened to with great interest by the audience. Kolesnikov, president of the Executive Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the USSR praised Dr. Racheff's contribution to the development of the work of the Bulgarian Red Cross Society which rendered important aid to the Soviet Army and to repatriated Soviet citizens.

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